I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

I am vehemently opposed to FCC Commissioner Michael Powell's push to eliminate virtually all remaining restrictions on media consolidation.

Without independent, critical and genuinely representative media we lose the means to control and participate in the public debate that sets the nation's political agenda. Sadly, this is already happening: In the absence of an effective regulatory agency, corporate control of the media is damaging our democracy.

Do the right thing. Keep current media regulations in place.